

## **Regarding implementation of various projects connected with fish harbour in Kasargod Parliamentary Constituency**

**SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD):** Madam, the Kasaragod Lok Sabha Constituency features a long coastal belt that stretches from Manjeswaram to Mattool. Several development projects, including proposals for fishing harbours at Cheruvatur, Madakkara, and Ajanur, have been pending for approval from the Union Government for a significant period. Other outstanding projects include dredging of Cheruvathur fishing harbour, development of a modern integrated fish landing centre at Cheruvathur and Nileshtar, construction of Ajanur fishing harbour, and upgradation of Manjeswaram fishing harbour.

Recently, the construction of a 600-meter-long embankment at Pazhangadi has been halted, leading to landslides at the Choottad-Palakkod estuary. To address this issue, a causeway connecting both sides of the estuary has been proposed as a protective measure, as canoes hitting the sandbank have resulted in fishermen losing their lives. Additionally, a project costing Rs. 28.60 crore to construct two jetties at Palakkode-Choottad has also faced delays.

Nowadays, the Kerala community is calling for an immediate halt to sand mining along the Kerala coast due to its detrimental impact on fish resources in the sea. They are also concerned about black sand mining, which is damaging the coastal environment. The community urges the Central Government to conduct a study on the decline of fish resources and take necessary action to address this issue. This situation poses a significant challenge for coastal residents.

I urge the Government of India to expedite the approval and implementation of these projects submitted by the State Government and to allocate sufficient funds for their execution.